

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES

DOCKET NO. 2021-19-C

Application of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Certain Census Blocks in Charleston County for Purposes of Receiving Federal Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF") Phase I Support

Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC ("PTC" or "Palmetto" or the "Company") has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") an Application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in 59 eligible census blocks in 2 census block groups located in Charleston County ("Proposed Service Area") in order to receive federal support under Sections 214 and 254 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF") Phase I auction. The Application was filed pursuant to Section 214(e) of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(e), the implementing rules of the FCC, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-690, and other rules of the Commission. Palmetto currently has authority to provide service as a CLEC in the designated service area, and the Company is a designated ETC for Lifeline purposes in the Walterboro and Yemassee exchanges and in the St. George exchange. According to page 15 of the Application, if the Commission approves the instant Application and the FCC approves PTC for funding, PTC will receive \$570,024.00 over a ten-year period which the Company will use to provide Gigabit broadband in the Proposed Service Area. The Application states that the Company is obligated by the FCC to obtain ETC designation status by June 7, 2021.

A copy of the Company's application can be found on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under **Docket No. 2021-19-C**. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the Company's representative Margaret M. Fox, Esquire, Burr & Forman LLP, Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a virtual hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **April 13, 2021, at 2:00 P.M.** before the Commission.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a Party of Record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **February 24, 2021**, and indicate the amount of time required to address the Commission. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2021-19-C.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a Party of Record, may do so by notifying the Commission, in writing, at the address below on or before **February 24, 2021**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2021-19-C.*

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and **Docket No. 2021-19-C**.

**The rates proposed in the Company's Petition/Application are subject to potential modification by**

the Commission during the course of this case.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only):**

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all Parties of Record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: **March 2, 2021**; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **March 16, 2021**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **March 23, 2021**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: **March 30, 2021**. All Prefiled Testimony Deadlines are subject to the information as posted on [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under *Docket No. 2021-19-C*.

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at **(803) 896-5100** or visit its website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

January 20, 2021